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SUBJECT: AID TO INDOCHINA

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO EMBASSY'S APPROACH CONCERNING IBRD-
PROPOSED OCTOBER 15 MEETING IN BONN (REFTEL B),
DIRECTOR OF MFA DIVISION FOR MULTILATERAL AID AND
DEVELOPMENT SCHLAICH TELEPHONED EMBASSY ECONCOUNSELOR
SEPTEMBER LL TO EXPRESS CERTAIN VIEWS ON SUBJECT
MEETING. ALLEGING THAT NEITHER MFA NOR FRG AID
MINISTRY HAVE THUS FAR HEARD ANYTHING THROUGH THEIR
OWN CHANNELS (I.E. FRG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT IBRD
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STEDTFELD REGARDING PROPOSED MEETING, HERR SCHLAICH

SAID THAT BONN OFFICIALS NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER 12 ADB MEETING IN BONN, WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY EXTEND INTO OCTOBER 13. SAME OFFICIALS WOULD THEN (OCTOBER 15-16) BE INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR HIGH LEVEL OECD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17-18 IN PARIS. THEY THEREFORE FELT THAT OCTOBER 15 DATE INOPPORTUNE. SCHLAICH THEN ADVANCED PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT IBRD (WHICH MAINTAINS OFFICE IN PARIS) CONSIDER PARIS AS LOCALE FOR PROPOSED MEETING. EMBOFFICER DID NOT COMMENT ON SCHLAICH'S SUGGESTION, BUT REPEATED STATEMENT MADE EARLIER TO DR. KEIL THAT USG FAVORED CONSULTATIVE GROUP APPROACH TO QUESTION OF AID TO INDOCHINA AND URGED FAVORABLE FRG DECISION ON PARTICIPATION. SCLAICH DID NOT RESPOND.

2. COMMENT: IF WE ACCEPT VERACITY OF ASSERTION THAT FRG HAD NOT HEARD FROM ITS IBRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RE PROPOSED OCTOBER 15 MEETING IN BONN, WE RATHER THAN IBRD APPEAR TO BE PLACED IN POSITION OF BEING PRIME MOVERS BEHIND INITIATIVE. IRRESPECTIVE OF THIS, IT WAS CLEAR FROM SCHLAICH'S TORTURED REASONING THAT FRG MOST RELUCTANT TO HOST MEETING. ALSO, IT APPEARS THAT FRG NOT YET READY TO COMMIT ITSELF ON PARTICIPATION, EVEN IF MEETING HELD AT LOCATION OTHER THAN BONN. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER WITH MFA.
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